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Weltner's Book, 'Southerner', Reviewed

Rev. S. Lawrence Johnson, pastor of Pilgrim Church, Birmingham, had the following review of the SOUTHERNER by Charles L. Weltner to appear in the UNITED CHURCH HERALD:

"No one should write about the South but a born Southerner or a person who has lived most of his life in the South. The Southern mind is as different from the Northern as the sun from the moon. Charles Longstreet Weltner is a Southerner. 'The Southerners have an indefinable pride in the South. Southerners are fond of each other . . . the way we talk; we like courtesies . . . easy friendships . . . the soil . . . in short, we like the South.'

"With a canny appreciation of his neighbors, with love and understanding he questions where we have been, where we are and where we are going. With consummate skill, compassion and completely honest objectiveness the Congressman from Atlanta makes his study. This is a book by a Southerner for Southerners, but the Northerner can read it with profit and he will gain insight and become less critical. The author appreciates the fears, frustrations, fortunes of his people and a way of life that cannot be known, or for that matter comprehended, until one has lived in the South and become a part of its culture.

"'Before 1900, there were few segregation statutes', is a fact difficult for the outsider to grasp. In looking at the position of the Negro this book points out it is 'not due to any inherent vice on the part of the Negro, but rather to centuries of carefully enforced ignorance and the conniving of rapacious Northerners who followed the troops for public plunder, the disenfranchisement of responsible whites, the total destruction of the economy, and the ruin of Southern lands.'

"After the War Between the States,

it is asserted: 'The Southerner (white) felt himself helpless, the pawn of a higher power in Federal uniform . . . ' But there was another Southerner for whom Reconstruction was no easy lot. The slave was now free. What did freedom mean? A former slave explained: 'I am now my own mistress, and need not work when I am sick. I can do my own thinking without having anyone to think for me — to tell me when to come, what to do and sell me when they get ready.' That was freedom. But there was no work for him not to do. Those who had known how to till the soil had gone to war and many had been killed. The land was ravaged.

"The question was: 'Who then was the slave? The black man, born in bondage, who lived to be freed — or the white man, born free, who died that another might continue to enjoy his chattels?' Many Northerners will be astonished to learn that the majority of white Southerners before the war did not own slaves and were not in sympathy with the practice.

"'The North has never had the wit and the South has never had the will to solve the race problem' is a sage observation. There is a strong tendency to blame the Southerner completely for the present unrest. Surely he has his share of responsibility, which he recognizes. On the other hand, the North is by no means lily white."

Words To Live By

"If happiness is activity in accordance with virtue, it is reasonable that it should be in accordance with the highest virtue; and this will be that of the best thing in us." — Aristotle

SEC Board Of Directors To Meet

The Board of Directors is called to meet in the Central Church, Atlanta, February 21, 1967, beginning at 10:30 a. m. The budget for the Conference for 1967 is to be discussed and approved. The Finance Committee and the Executive Committee of the Conference met recently and developed a proposed budget.

The Personnel Committee of the Conference is now making a job analysis for a third staff member of the Conference if funds can be found to secure such a person. This analysis will be part of the agenda for the Directors.

The Directors will also seek to implement the theme of the Conference for the April meeting.

The Directors should review 1966, the first year of operation as a Conference of the United Church of Christ. Where do we go from here? The findings of the Ministers' Convocation will be reviewed and studied.

By the February meeting, the Conference parsonage in Atlanta should be sold. Those now serving the Conference as staff members have housing allowances, enabling them to provide their own homes. The Directors will need to make some provision for the use of funds resulting from the sale of the parsonage.

The Board of Directors should spend time in prayer and meditation, for the problems we face in this area are immense but not unsurmountable. The future of many of our small churches is of utmost concern. The evangelistic outreach of our churches is pitifully weak. The stewardship of our possessions is woefully inadequate. Empty pulpits are all too common an occurrence. Candidates for the ministry are not being produced. We are too satisfied with the accomplishments of yesterday but not too aware of the responsibilities we have for tomorrow.

News From The Churches Of The Southeast Conference

Lanett Church Has Stewardship Month

Stewardship Month was observed in the Lanett Church in November. On the first Sunday, the pastor used Christian Stewardship as the theme for his morning message. This was followed by a series of letters, one from the pastor and three from the Board of Finance. Each letter contained enclosures pertaining to proportionate and systematic giving and carrying out the responsibilities of discipleship and church membership. The last letter contained a copy of the church budget for the coming year. The accepted budget for 1967 is the largest ever proposed by the Lanett Church.

Beginning on Wednesday night, November 30, a Stewardship Institute was held, under the direction of the Area Minister, Dr. Jesse H. Dollar. The month came to a close with Church Loyalty Sunday on December 4. Dr. Dollar spoke for morning worship. Those responsible for Every Member Canvass had lunch together in Fellowship Hall and received final instructions for the canvass.

The teams went out by twos to present the ministry of the church to the people not attending church that day or not responding in the morning with their pledges. Before the day was finished the budget for next year was over-subscribed. Late reports have pushed the total to more than \$1,500 over the budget.

In addition to the raising of the budget in personal pledges, the Lanett Church was challenged and enriched spiritually by the whole experience. We are indebted to Dr. Dollar for his efficient leadership.

LEFT HIMSELF OPEN

The speaker was growing tired of interruptions. "We seem to have a great many fools here tonight," he said. "Wouldn't it be advisable to hear one at a time?"

"Yeah," shouted a voice, "get on with your speech."

Central Alabama Committees Meet

The Executive Committee of the Central Alabama Association met in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Freddie Powell, Tallassee, Alabama, December 17, 1966. The Moderator, Graham Morris, appointed the following committees:

Church and Ministry — John Martin, Winston Noble, Mrs. Ruby Culpepper.

Christian Education and Youth Work — Mrs. Challis Rhodes, Mrs. John Martin, and Mrs. Freddie Powell.

Stewardship and Missionary Education — Jimmie McAdams and Andy Nelson.

Church Extension — Freddie Powell and Mrs. Jimmie McAdams.

Youth Week

Youth Week for many denominations is January 29 - February 5, 1967. The theme is: "Created To Be Human in a Broken World." Youth leaders should have plans well in hand for this important week. The young people not only could usher and share in the teaching and in the worship, but let them face the real world about them. Luke 10:25-37 has many suggestions for humans in a broken world. The Senior High book, "The Christian in the World," by Dorothy W. and Charles B. Kinney Jr., has a variety of helps.

If the Southeast Conference office can be of help, call our Minister of Christian Education and Youth Work, Miss Emilie Pitcock, telephone Atlanta, Georgia 874-2558 or 451-6965.

MR. MALCOLM TERRY PASTOR AT MT. LEBANON

Mr. Malcolm Terry of Moulton, Alabama is now serving as pastor of the Mt. Lebanon Church on Chandler Mountain, near Steele, Alabama.

At Tallassee, Alabama

The Mt. Olive Church, Tallassee, Alabama, has been without a pastor for nearly two years. The worship services, however, have been held each Sunday with guest ministers or chaplains, but more often by lay people, members of the church especially. The Sunday School is active and a group of 25 young people have been meeting regularly. The parsonage has been moved to make ready for the building of a new sanctuary and Christian Education Building. \$20,000 has been secured, through much effort, for the Building Fund. The parsonage, after it was moved, was renovated and is very attractive.

The church is in the middle of a prospective housing development and should develop a very active ministry to the people who will be building and moving into the community. The church is small in membership but determined to grow and minister.

Susan Hicks Memorial Organ To Be Dedicated

Dr. and Mrs. James Hicks have given a new Baldwin organ to the Pilgrim Congregational Church in Birmingham, Alabama, in memory of their daughter, Susan Hicks. The magnificent new organ, although only partially installed, was heard for the first time at the Christmas Eve service. The organ will be dedicated on Sunday, January 22, 1967, at 5:00 p. m.

Following the dedication there will be an organ recital by Mr. Bene Hammel, staff organist and musical consultant for the Baldwin Piano and Organ Company. Mr. Hammel has his Bachelor of Music degree from the University of Chattanooga, and has gained a national reputation as an organ recitalist.

Pilgrim's Progress Newsletter

Pilgrim Congregational Church

News From The Churches Of The Southeast Conference

Russell Woods Church News

The "Russell Woods Six," a kitchen band made up of members of the Women's Fellowship of the Russell Woods Church, has had an exciting time since they made their debut at the Alabama-West Florida Women's Fellowship meeting last June. They have played for the First Congregational Christian Church in Phenix City at a family night supper. They played at a tacky party sponsored by the Russell Woods Women's Fellowship, and for the Russell County Council P. T. A. Magazine and Membership Roundup. They have several invitations for 1967. They were invited to be on the Rozelle Show on TV and couldn't muster up enough courage at the time, but will accept later on.

Members playing are Mrs. Vernelle Riddle, horn (funnel), Mrs. Clara Weaver, rub board, Mrs. Earline Clark (substitute), Mrs. Ruth Gullatt, piano, Mrs. Lilia Glover, potato masher, Mrs. Claudine Bloodsworth, drums (tub), Mrs. Harveta Barr, broom. Mrs. Robert Bonner sometimes makes the seventh, playing her silver cup.

The Women's Fellowship of the Russell Woods Church sponsored a family night supper, at which time a Family Thank Offering program was presented. Mrs. Lenard Glover, Mrs. Herman Bloodsworth, and Mrs. Harveta Barr decorated the recreation room for Christmas. Mrs. Barr was in charge of the program. Those participating explained the reason for having the Family Thank Offering and then they had the dedication of their offering.

REV. McCOLLARS NEW PASTOR

The Rev. William M. McCollars is the new pastor now serving the Russell Woods Church. He and Mrs. McCollars, with their daughter, live in Columbus, where Mr. McCollars works for "Goodwill Industries."

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North Alabama

Association Ministers

Seven ministers of the North Alabama Association met in the office of Dr. Guy L. Colbert, Hartselle, Alabama, on Sunday afternoon, January 8, 1967. Meeting with them were the Rev. Karlton C. Johnson of the Stewardship Council, and the Conference Minister, Dr. William J. Andes.

The Stewardship Committee of the North Alabama Association had called the meeting for the purpose of discussing Our Christian World Mission, and how the churches in the Association could better support such a Mission. The Stewardship Packet was discussed and the ministers felt that pictures and leaflets could be displayed on bulletin boards with the minister calling these materials to the attention of the congregation.

Each minister was asked to urge the One Great Hour of Sharing on March 5, 1967, and this would help bring relief to those in need all over the world. It was felt that missionaries who had returned to the United States might strengthen our understanding of the Mission in which we are engaged.

Plans are now being made to have one or two Schools of Churchmanship in the Association to which deacons, trustees and leaders of Sunday Schools would be invited. Dates and places will be announced later.

The entire group visited in the home of Dr. and Mrs. Guy L. Colbert after the meeting and enjoyed a delicious supper with the Colberts.

Pilgrim, Chattanooga, Tenn.

The Senior Choir is using the following anthems for January:

- January 1 — "Winter Carol"—Peek
January 8 — "Fairest Lord Jesus"—Darst
January 15 — "Blessed Art Thou"—

Mountain Grove

Church, Hanceville

The Mountain Grove Church is located a few miles east of Hanceville, Alabama. Rev. I. Roger Whitley has served the church as pastor until recently, when he resigned to accept the pastorate of the Garden City Church. The pastor-at-large of the North Alabama Association, the Rev. Guy L. Colbert, is serving as interim pastor at Mountain Grove.

The church has plans for a new building, and the men of the church are planning to do the work themselves. The present structure is quite old and needs to be replaced. The congregation is small, but is expecting to build not only a new building, but also a new spirit into the life of the church, and expect the church to grow, now that people are beginning to build new houses in the area around the church.

At The United Church Of Huntsville

The Rev. Karlton C. Johnson was the guest preacher for the Huntsville Church on Sunday, January 8, 1967. Speaking in the interest of Our Christian World Mission, Mr. Johnson, of the Stewardship Council, brought to life the needs of the world and the response of the church to those needs.

The Huntsville church will hold its annual meeting on Sunday, January 22, 1967. The Conference Minister, Dr. William J. Andes, will be present for the meeting and will preach at the morning service of worship.

Lovelace

January 22 — "Prayer of St. Francis"—Lewis

January 29 — "Blessed Is the Man"—Glarum

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EPIPHANY

It would be helpful to our churches if they followed the Christian Year as it is called. January 6th is Epiphany, and this season continues until the beginning of Lent, which this year is February 8th. The Christian Year, if followed, brings a well-rounded balance of Christian remembrance. We follow the footsteps of our Lord and keep company with our fellow Christians engaged in the same pursuit. Each year Christ is born anew for us as we keep Christmas, and the Resurrection comes alive for us as we keep Easter. So the year continues.

Epiphany has been for many of us the incident of the Wise Men as the earliest manifestation of Christ to the Gentile world. We discover that Christ was born into the world for people of all races and of all walks of life. It is the business of the church to see that He is so presented.

Here is the beginning of Mission for us. Here let us proclaim the universal character of our Lord's redemptive work. This is Our Christian World Mission! Christ is the Light of the world. We can have a light which we may cherish, but which we cannot keep. The brightness of this Light depends upon its being passed on. Christians cannot forget this if they keep Epiphany.

RUDE FELLOW

Before he is married, a man lies awake all night thinking of what she said. After marriage, he falls asleep before she has finished saying it.

Ministers' Convocation

All ministers of the Southeast Conference are urged to reserve January 23-25, 1967, as the dates of the Ministers' Convocation at Camp Calvin, Rt. 2, Hampton, Ga. In this lovely camp, we shall be taking a sharp look at ourselves as ministers and churches of the Southeast Conference. Rev. Horace S. Sills of Lancaster, Pa., and Mrs. F. C. Lester of High Point, N. C., will be our guest leaders.

The theme will be: "The Mission of the Church in Today's World (with emphasis on Southeast USA)". Topics to be discussed include the following:

1. Changes that affect our mission.
2. What and Where Are We in the Performance of Our Mission?
3. The Role of the Layman in the Mission.
4. The Role of the Pastor.
5. Where Do We Go from Here?

Others who may share in the general discussion will be Dr. Harold N. Skidmore of the Pension Boards in New York, and Dr. Harold H. Wilkie of the Council for Church and Ministry, New York.

Our ministers will be the discussion leaders, and we hope that we shall discover a future for the churches of the

New Deacons At

Duncan's Creek

On Sunday, December 11, 1966, two new deacons were ordained at the Duncan's Creek Church, near Lawrenceville, Ga.: Mr. Donnis Etheridge and Mr. Charlie Gower. Both of these young men have shouldered responsibility in various offices of the church. Mr. Etheridge is serving as the Sunday School superintendent. Mr. Gower built the lighted cross and other pieces of furniture in the church sanctuary. The church now has seven deacons who function at all times.

Mr. Raeford L. Thornhill, a member of the church, has frequently been the preacher for the church services which are held twice a month. The church cooperates with the neighboring Baptist Church in many activities. Willard Sims, a nearby Methodist minister, began as pastor in January, 1967.

Scutheast Conference that will be relative to the time in which we live and to the will of God our Father.

The cost is \$12.00 per person. The Convocation begins with registration at 2:00 p. m. on January 23rd and closes with lunch on January 25th.

Training For Clergymen In Alcoholism

Clinical Pastoral Training on several different levels is being offered clergymen and chaplains in the specialized area of alcohol addiction at the Georgian Clinic, Atlanta, Georgia. The courses range from one week to one year and include internships and residency training. The Clinic is a facility of the Georgia Department of Public Health and is the oldest existing therapeutic community approach to the treatment of alcoholics and their families in the United States. The program for clergymen and chaplains is operated as a pilot project under a NIMP grant. Clergymen, chaplains and church administrators of all faiths, from all parts of the country are eligible.

For further information, write to Rev. George P. Dominick, 1260 Briarcliff Rd., Atlanta, Ga. 30306.

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SEC Commission On Lay Life And Work Meets

The Commission on Lay Life and Work of the Southeast Conference met on December 10, 1966, in Atlanta, Georgia. Mrs. F. C. Lester, Southern Regional Secretary of the Council for Lay Life and Work of the United Church of Christ, met with the group. The Rev. Emilie F. Pitcock, Minister of Christian Education of the Southeast Conference, was also in the meeting.

Representatives from Alabama were: Mrs. H. Paul Beard, Mrs. Idella J. Childs, Mrs. W. Walter Hall, Mrs. Allen B. Hollis, Mr. W. Pressley Ingram of the National Council, Mrs. Hubert Richter. Representatives from Tennessee were: Mr. Herschel P. Franks, Mrs. G. B. Harris, Mr. Rufus G. Obrecht. Representatives from Georgia were: Mrs. Edward M. Brown, Mrs. Arthur C. Curtright, and Mrs. Karlton C. Johnson.

The plans for future work in our churches were discussed, and the hope was expressed that all adults in the churches of our Conference might be reached by area training meetings.

A meeting is scheduled for March 11th and 12th, 1967, at the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta, Georgia, for leaders from all Associations within the Southeast Conference. The new materials in "Program Opportunities for Adults" will be presented. Plans will be made for later meetings at which those present at the March meeting will help inform the people of the various associations.

Much interest was shown in encouraging all of us to participate in the Family Thank Offering. It is hoped that each church will plan to take part in this effort during the year 1967. Mrs. Hubert Richter of Cullman, Alabama, is the chairman for the Southeast Conference Family Thank Offering.

Mr. William R. Green Jr. of Huntsville, Alabama, is the conference chairman for Material Aid. He is preparing suggestions for this program.

Mr. Herschel P. Franks of Chattanooga, Tennessee, is planning a newsletter which will be sent to all churches in the Conference, with news of the

Southeast Conference To Meet In Birmingham

The Pilgrim Church in Birmingham, Alabama, has extended a gracious invitation to the Southeast Conference of the United Church of Christ to hold the annual conference with them on April 29 and 30, 1967, and the Board of Directors gladly accepts the invitation.

A challenging theme has been selected by the Executive Committee of the Conference: "Communicating the Gospel." How can we in our churches in this part of the United States communicate the gospel? Will the world about us listen? Is God satisfied with our present communication?

We are grateful to the Pilgrim Church and its pastor, Rev. S. L. Johnson, for this invitation.

Commission on Lay Life and Work.

At the request of the representatives it was suggested that all of our groups who have formerly supported the work of the men and women in our Conference continue to send per capita dues from the associations to the treasurer of the Commission on Lay Life and Work, Southeast Conference of the United Church of Christ, 673 Piedmont Avenue, N. E., Atlanta, Georgia 30308.

Announcements will be made later in regard to meetings which will be scheduled for the summer. These will be outlined for us at the Annual Meeting of the Southeast Conference, April 29-30, 1967, in Birmingham, Alabama.

Mrs. Arthur C. Curtright was elected secretary of the Commission on Lay Life and Work.

Members of the commission or your association officers will be pleased to hear from you and to help you with any plans you are making in your local churches for programs for all members.



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Additions To Audio- Visual Library

Two sound filmstrips which have been added recently to the Conference Audio-Visual Library are designed to help interpret the church's ministry of compassion.

How Real the Hope focuses attention on the Arab refugees who have suffered years of privation in the Holy Land. The question is raised, "What have our churches done and what will they continue to do?" Self-help loans, agricultural assistance projects, water reclamation projects, and reforestation — evidence that our churches do care.

Focus on Africa helps us to see the new Africa and today's Africans, including eager students in newly founded schools, young mothers learning about proper child care, desperate but eager refugees, the work of mission and service conducted by the African churches, and the assistance rendered with Christian compassion by the churches of the world.

The above may be borrowed from the Southeast Conference office, with the user paying return postage only.

Water For Dodoni

Isolated high in the hills of Greece is the village of Dodoni, whose people for centuries survived on pitifully scanty crops, raised by most primitive means. Daily in the growing season, in order to water the gardens, the women had to make a three-hour trip carrying heavy barrels of water on their backs, where not even wheelbarrows could be maneuvered over the terrain.

Now, through Church World Service, they have new hope. They are bringing up materials to build a canal to bring the water they so badly need for irrigation. 157 men and 274 women have participated; they are helped by expert advisors from the churches, and paid in needed food, to tide them over till the canal system is available.

"The truest test of civilization is not the census, nor the size of cities, nor the crops; no, but the kind of man the country turns out."

— Emerson

Second Semester Theme For United Church Curriculum

The second semester of the United Church Curriculum begins the first Sunday in February and continues through June. Theme for the second semester is "Belonging to the Christian Fellowship," providing opportunities to learn more about the life and work of the Christian church — past and present — as well as to take our part in its witness today.

During this semester, kindergarten children will learn how God works through people, how God plans for people to help each other, and how children may be "Helping One Another."

The primary children's course, "The Mark of Christians," will help boys and girls discover for themselves that people who belong to the Christian fellowship love God and seek to do his will.

"Understanding the Church" should enable lower junior children to gain a clearer understanding of what the church fellowship is as they study and experience this fellowship in action.

Juniors of grades five and six in their course "What Is the Church?" will be helped to learn about the first century church, understand what it means to be a Protestant, organize their understanding of what the church is, and deepen their personal loyalty to the church.

The affirmation "I Believe" is the title of the course for seventh and eighth grade youth, in which they come to see the church as a community of believers in the person and work of Jesus Christ; as a worldwide fellowship with a dynamic mission; and as a fellowship to which they belong.

Middle high young people will be awakened to an awareness of the power of the Christian church through the ages; will come to know themselves in a deeper fashion as loyal members of that fellowship and will understand the forces that have shaped the church — this as they explore "My Christian Heritage."

Youth of grades eleven and twelve will be launched on a "Journey into Faith," coming to see the Christian faith as the inescapable answer to their

own quest for meaning and purpose; as they participate in the fellowship which is the church; and as they formulate their own personal beliefs with regard to God, Christ, the church, the Bible, prayer and worship.

For adults, the February-June materials of the United Church Curriculum are directed toward "The Worldwide Mission of the Church," a subject having to do with "the amazing variety of ways by which Christians translate their faith into action." Both the teacher's coursebook, using the foregoing title, and the student's resource book, "Partners with the Almighty," were written by Dr. David M. Stowe, a missionary to North China under the former American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions of Congregational Christian Churches.

UNIFORM SERIES AVAILABLE

The United Church of Christ also publishes a Uniform Series for Sunday Church School classes from junior age through adult. The Uniform Series is on a quarterly basis, with "Luke, Gospel of Compassion" being the overall topic for the January-March quarter. In addition to a magazine for teachers of juniors, youth and adults, there are also separate quarterlies for each of these age groups.

Both the United Church Curriculum and the Uniform Series may be ordered from: United Church Board for Homeland Ministries, Periodical Department, 1505 Race Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19102.

The Christian Bone Factory

The influence of the two per cent of India's population who are Christians is yet very powerful, even in the writing of the nation's democratic constitution. Another example is that called by non-Christians "the Christian bone factory." The Christian village of Bismampur no longer fears old taboos, like the one forbidding handling of dead animals. So the villagers scour the countryside for animal carcasses, and make bone meal in a cooperative factory. This fertilizer, distributed in nearby areas and even hundreds of miles distant, helps Christians and non-Christians to nourish the soil and make it produce more nourishment to fight famines.

Budget For 1967

The Finance Committee of the Southeast Conference met with the Executive Committee on December 10, 1966, and presented a proposed budget for 1967. After much discussion, the Executive Committee asked the Finance Committee to reconstruct the budget to include the necessary finances for employing a third staff member. The Finance Committee came up with a total budget of \$74,222.00.

This total not only includes expenses of the Conference, but also an estimated giving to Our Christian World Mission for national instrumentalities of \$13,000 and an expenditure of \$10,500 aid to churches within the Conference.

The Finance Committee can see some problems ahead in the securing of this amount of money. It is hoped that the churches will be able to give to Our Christian World Mission and thus underwrite more than two-thirds of the total. The Division of Christian Education and other national sources may be able to help us. Interested individuals and groups within the churches can help. We can work together at this task and become a stronger Conference.

Official Call

Announcement is hereby made of the meeting of Sixth General Synod of the United Church of Christ to be held in the Netherland Hilton Hotel, Cincinnati, Ohio, beginning at 10:00 a. m., Thursday, June 22, 1967, and continuing through 4:00 p. m. on Thursday, June 29, 1967.

For the Executive Council of General Synod:

Ben M. Herbst, President

Fred S. Buschmeyer, Secretary
297 Park Avenue South
New York, New York 10010

November 22, 1966

"In the long run, men hit only what they aim at. Therefore, though they should fail immediately, they had better aim at something high."

— Henry Thoreau

Week Of Prayer For Christian Unity

January 18-25, 1967

Hope is the keynote for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity for 1967. Despite our continuing divisions, there is every reason to hope that God is leading us into a fuller manifestation of our oneness in Christ. The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is a special time for offering thanksgiving for the gifts God has preserved in each of our traditions and prayer for the guidance of the Holy Spirit that we may be responsive to the opportunities God is giving us for a more perfect witness to our unity in his Son.

At present, we are not able to agree fully on the way in which our unity should be made manifest. Yet, we can join together in praying for the manifestation of unity which God wills in the way in which he wills it. This is an invitation for you to join in that prayer with other Protestant, Roman Catholic, and Orthodox Christians throughout the world.

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New Officers, E. Alabama Churchmen's Fellowship

Officers for 1967, elected at Lowell Church, Roanoke, November 27, 1966:

President: Tom Crenshaw

Vice-President: Herbert Pike

Sec.-Treasurer: T. H. Spear

Song Leader — Cleave Stephens

Pianist — Willie McGill

Have You Ever Thought?

Have you ever thought whether you would be qualified to serve in a missionary capacity in one of the overseas missions being carried out by the Board for World Ministries of the United Church of Christ?

There currently exist vacancies of approximately 50 people in various capacities to serve overseas for the Board for World Ministries. Perhaps you have the qualification and the inclination towards giving a part of your life in Christian service. If interested in more information about the vacancies listed below, contact Personnel Dept. Board for World Ministries, 475 Riverside Dr., New York, N. Y. 10010.

NURSES: Maharashtra, India; Gaziantep, Turkey; Honduras; Ghana.

TEACHERS: English-Raipur, India; Japan; Aleppo, Syria; Istanbul, Turkey; Tarsur, Turkey; Izmir; Sefula, Zambia.

Chemistry — Istanbul, Turkey.

Philosophy — Izmir, Turkey.

Biology — Izmir, Turkey.

Science — Republic of South Africa; Sefula, Zambia; Aleppo, Syria; Izmir, Turkey.

Home Economics — Truk, Micronesia.

Minister-Teacher — Marawi City, Philippines.

LIBRARIAN: Istanbul, Turkey; Tarsus.

ADMINISTRATIVE SECY.: Izmir, Turkey.

DIRECTOR OF RESIDENCE: Izmir, Turkey.

COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST: Honduras.

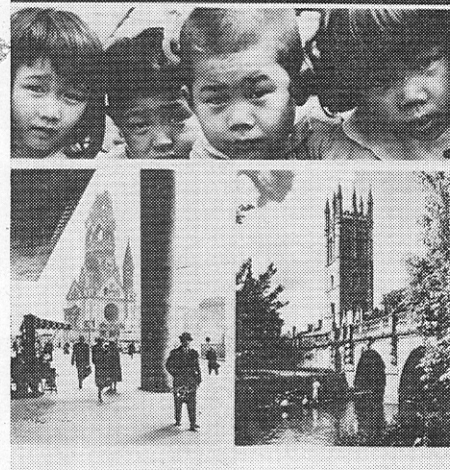
DOCTORS: Republic of South Africa.

Social Action Institute

The 1967 Social Action Institute, jointly sponsored by the Disciples of Christ and the United Church of Christ, will take place February 13-15, 1967, at Lake Byrd Lodge, Avon Park, Fla. The theme of the Institute will be: "Where are we in the struggle for justice?" Topics to be considered include black power, the white backlash, inequity in the courts, poverty, the Christian approach to social problems, how to initiate action in the local church, and a look at the international scene.

Rev. Ed M. Brown, 499 Emory Circle, N. E., Atlanta, Ga., is the chairman of our Commission on Social Action and would like to hear from those who are interested in attending.

1967 UNITED CHURCH TOURS



1967 United Church Tours

During 1967, the following tours (nine) will be conducted under guidance of the United Church of Christ:

Two to Puerto Rico and Virgin Islands.

Jan. 23 - Feb. 1; Oct. 30 - Nov. 8

Latin America Mission Study Tour

March 30 - April 13

International Relations European Tour

June 8-29

Rocky Mountain Empire Tour

June 30 - July 15

Centers of Renewal — two sections:

July 10-31, Mansfield College, Oxford University, England, summer session

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July 11 - August 1

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